IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMAKK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PAULISTA et al.

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For: COMPOUNDS WITH IMPROVED CARTILAGE-INDUCING AND/OR BONE-

INDUCING ACTIVITY

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

October 26, 2000

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2000, for three (3) months from July 26, 2000 to October 26, 2000.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$890.00) to cover the cost of the extension. In the event that any additional fees are required with respect to this paper, please charge Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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